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EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 31,
1973:

QUOTE: Q. IS THERE ANY THINKING HERE IN THIS BUILDING
ABOUT THE TRIAL OF CAPTURED ARABS IN ISRAEL; YOU KNOW THOSE
WHO WERE, LET'S SAY, KIDNAPPED IN BEIRUT?

A. WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE ARE AWARE THAT AN ISRAELI
COURT IS TRYING TEN ALLEGED FEDAYEEN CAPTURED BY ISRAEL
IN LEBANON LAST YEAR. WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT IN THIS TRIAL,
THE DEFENSE HAS RAISED ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, SUCH
AS THE GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT OF A NATION'S CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.
BEYOND THAT, WE ARE FOLLOWING THE TRIAL AND THE ISSUES IT
RAISES.

Q. DO I READ YOU CORRECTLY THAT YOU ARE AWARE AND YOU ARE
FOLLOWING, BUT YOU HAVE NO POSITION?

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A. NO FURTHER COMMENT. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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